

April 13, 2009

Meeting held at Beacon Tower

### **Housing**

- Need more low-income housing – especially for families & large families
- would like free WiFi in public housing

### **Current Character of the area** (positive aspects)

- El Centro de la Raza, Beacon Hill library
- convenient, good bus service
- older buildings – we like that
- predominately Asian businesses
- large Hispanic and East African communities
- diversity enriches the neighborhood
- negative – unsafe walking

### **Future of station area** (needs)

- ice cream parlor
- moderate/low price supermarket such as Safeway
- pedestrians need
- safe routes, pedestrian connections to destinations
- place to exercise
- such as local gym
- dime store/variety store or dollar store
- clothing store
- drug store
- fast food places
- cluster of stores with parking like University Village
- theater
- rain protection for pedestrians – awnings
- more pedestrian signals near light rail station
- bicycle lanes
- police presence
- Laundromat
- Park
- free wireless (WiFi) in the business district

### **Transportation**

- More east-west streets/pedestrian paths/bicycle paths to enable people to go east down the hill and west across I-5
- pedestrian signal timing needs adjusted to accommodate pedestrians with walkers and people in wheelchairs

## Neighborhood Plan Update Workshop with Members of the Senior Citizen Community

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- No Smoking signage in the 2 bus shelters at 14<sup>th</sup>/Massachussets and need new/correct bus schedules posted
- will ride light rail – if affordable for low income seniors, will there be a monthly pass?
- will visit daughter in Burien (ride to Tukwila station), will bus/walk to station
- need more pedestrian crossing routes near light rail station
- Beacon/Holgate overpass (I-5) is dangerous for bicyclists because westbound the sidewalk terminates in a stairway with no warning
- Columbia Way needs sidewalks on both sides between Beacon and Rainier
- need light rail information, ask Sound Transit for presentation

### Parks

- need more parks – small ones in the neighborhoods, with covered area, table
- rain and wind protection are important
- a plaza at El Centro de la Raza would be great
- need off-leash dog park

### Sustainability

- dark skies – need to decrease light pollution
- conserve rain water for use in the parks – maybe a lily pond or use water for park irrigation
- solar-powered lights